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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

CUOMO ET AL.

Examiner

M. Huseman

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 July 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-62 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-62 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 July 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 30 – 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 30, line 8, it is not clear as to whether or not Applicants' actually mean "second sending means"; i.e., it appears to be the first sending means sending a second request.

In claim 38, line 8, there appears to be a word or phrase missing from the claimed limitation; i.e., "sending the session identification and to the client". Also, there is no proper antecedent basis for "the client".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1 – 5, 7 – 14, 16 – 26, 28 – 34, 36 – 43, 45 – 55 and 57 - 62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dustan et al.

Regarding claims 1, 3 – 5 and 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 25, 26, 28, 30, 32, 33, 36, 38, 42, 45, 47, 49, 51, 54, 57 and 59 - 62:

Dustan et al, figures 5 and 6, teach a system and method for securely accessing information from data sources through a network such that Applicants' step of sending a first request reads on the menu selection at step 218, Applicants' credential reads on the account number and password at step 176, Applicants' session identification reads on step 216, Applicants' second request reads on step 234.

Regarding claims 2, 10, 19, 23, 31, 39, 48 and 52:

Applicants' user name and password reads on the account number and password of Dustan et al.

Regarding claims 8, 17, 21, 29, 37, 46, 50 and 58:

Dustan et al teach that each menu selection utilize scripts which are assigned a URL, column 15, lines 9 – 11.

Regarding claims 12, 24, 41 and 53:

Dustan et al teach that the session id is generated based on the date and time, considered to be random.

Regarding claim 22:

Dustan et al teach that the session id is also verified, column 9, lines 27 – 30.

Regarding claims 34, 43 and 55:

Dustan et al disclose storing the cookie, column 10, lines 37 – 43.

Regarding claim 40:

Dunstan et al teach associating the session id to the user account, column 9, lines 8 – 11.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 6, 15, 27, 35, 44 and 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dustan et al in view of Beyeh et al.

Although Dustan et al do not specifically disclose that the session identification data structure is in a rewritten uniform resource locator, Beyeh et al do teach that the URL can be overwritten as another method of keeping track of the URL's visited by the client. Therefore, it is considered that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention, to overwrite the URL, as disclosed by Beyeh et al if, for instance, cookies were not used and/or as another method of keeping track of the URL's visited by the client.

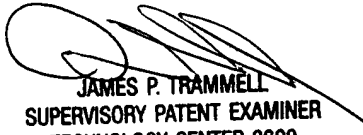
Conclusion


7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Dias et al, Guedalia et al, Barnett et al and Besaw et al each teach server access control.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Huseman whose telephone number is 703-605-4277. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 6:30 AM - 3:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 703-305-9768. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-7687 for regular communications and 703-305-7687 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.


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